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ANTONIO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA AT BANQUET, NOV. 22, 1977

FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF REMARKS MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA
AT DINNER HE HOSTED IN HONOR OF SECRETARY VANCE:
QUOTE: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,
BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSSESS
A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF MUTUAL REGARD, SPONTANEOUS
COOPERATION AND RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING. THIS
TRADITION REPRESENTS THE BASIS OF PERMANENT FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, WHICH IN THE PAST HAS BEEN
PROVEN BY COMMON SACRIFICIES IN THE NAME OF THE
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SOLIDARITY WHICH UNITES US.
ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR FIRST VISIT TO BRASILIA,
YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE ARE PLEASED TO REAFFIRM THE
CONTINUING WILL OF BRAZIL'S PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT TO
MAINTAIN WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA THE RELATIONSHIP OF ESTEEM AND
MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR COMMON

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OBJECTIVE.

NOT LONG AGO, MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF THIS IDENTITY OF PURPOSE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES BROUGHT ABOUT THE SIGNING, HERE IN BRASILIA, OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH SET UP THE FRAMEWORK OF CONSULATIONS OF WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S VISIT IS PART. THIS MEMORANDUM HAS THE PRAGMATIC AIM OF FACILITATING CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS, IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF HARMONIZING THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. BUT IT ALSO HAS A SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE. IT REFLECTS THE CONVICTION OF BOTH GOBERNMENTS THAT IT IS THROUGH THE SEARCH FOR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOVEREIGN POINTS OF VIEW OF STATES THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE CONDUCT OF THE PROCESS OF INTERDEPENDENCY OF NATIONS CAN BE ACHIEVED TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

NATIONS EVOLVE AT VARYING PACES AND THIS BRINGS ABOUT, AT EVERY MOMENT, UNIQUE SITUATIONS NOT TO BE REPEATED. IT IS TO THIS DYNAMIC PATTERN OF SITUATIONS THAT THE LASTING FEELINGS WHICH GOVERN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES HAVE TO BE DIRECTED.

THUS, IT IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED THAT SHARED VALUES AND THE FEELING OF PERMANENT FRIENDSHIP SHALL IMPLY ROUTINE ALIGNMENTS ON THE MOST VARIED MATTERS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE NORM IS THAT CIRCUMSTANTIAL POSITIONS MAY DIFFER EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THE PERMANENT OBJECTIVES

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REMAIN COMMON.

BRAZIL, AS PART OF THE WESTERN WORLD, ADMIRES AND ACCLAIMS THE ROLE PLAYED BY NATIONS SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH HAVE CHOSEN THE PROGRESS OF MAN AS THEIR FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE. THIS IS A COMMON ASPIRATION OF BRAZILIANS AND AMERICANS, AND IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF SUCH COINCIDING VIEWS THAT WE ARE ALLOWED TO STATE THAT THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A SCALE OF THE CONCEPTS WE HAVE REGARDING THE VALUES WE SHARE, BE THEY IN THE FIELD OF PEACE AND SECURITY, BE THEY IN THE REALM OF MAN'S PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING.

WE SEE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS IDEALIST AND GENEROUS, QUALITIES WITH WHICH WE IDENTIFY AND WHICH INSPIRE FEELINGS OF BROTHERHOOD WITH THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION. WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THESE NOBLE SENTIMENTS OVERWHELMED BY LIMITED OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES.

THE RECENT HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAS INDICATED HOW USEFUL INSTRUMENTS OF COOPERATION CAN BE WHEN BOTH PARTIES SINCERELY WISH TO REACH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THIS WISH IS

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HIGHLIGHTED BY OUR MEETINGS IN PARIS, GRENADA AND
NEW YORK, WHICH GAVE OCCASION TO OPEN AND FRIENDLY
TALKS, AND BY THE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE CONDUCTED
BY OUR FOREIGN MINISTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT I AM
CONVINCED THAT THE CLEAR CONCEPT WE HAVE OF OUR MUTUAL
POSITIONS--EVEN ON THOSE MATTERS WHERE WE LEGITIMATELY
POSSESS DIFFERENT OR EVEN DIVERGENT INTERESTS--WILL
HELP US TO REACH A GREATER UNITY OF PURPOSE.
DURING TODAY'S TALKS WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN REVIEWED
MANY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH
COUNTRIES. IN THIS AND IN OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS,
I AM SURE, YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOU BECAME AWARE OF THE
GENERAL LINES WHICH GUIDE THE THOUGHT AND ACTION OF
BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY. BETTER THAN WORDS, HOWEVER,
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BRAZIL'S VERY ATTITUDES ON THE WORLD SCENE PROVIDE
THE BEST EXAMPLE OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN
POLICY.

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BRAZIL IS A PEACEFUL COUNTRY, PROUD OF ITS
NATIONAL CHARACTER. OUR HERITAGE AND OUR
CONSTITUTION FAVOR NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO
INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS. THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE
LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ALL THEIR NEIGHBORS. WE DISDAIN
AMBITIONS OF PREPONDEREANCE AS VIGOROUSLY AS WE REJECT
THEM IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ANY INTENT OF EXPANSIONISM
OR POLITICAL HEGEMONY IS ALIEN TO OUR NATIONAL
CHARACTER. THE PARAMOUNT CONCERN OF OUR NATION IS
WITH ITS INTEGRATED AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT, AS
FAR AS POSSIBLE IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER DEVELOPED
AND DEVELOPING NATIONS TO WHICH BRAZIL EXTENDS ITS
SOLIDARITY, AND FROM WHICH IT EXPECTS EQUAL TREATMENT.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES, BRAZIL
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CONCENTRATES ITS EFFORTS IN THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE
FAVORABLE TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND
TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND.
BRAZIL IS AN ORDERLY COUNTRY. VIOLENCE IS
ALIEN TO THE BRAZILIAN SOUL. WE STRIVE TO PREVENT
THAT THE SOMETIMES DRAMATIC PRESSURES BROUGHT ABOUT
BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOSTER ANTI-SOCIAL FORMS OF
BEHAVIOUR AS WE ALSO ATTEMPT THE IMPORTATION OF VIOLENCE.
BRAZIL IS A COUNTRY OPEN TO COOPERATION WITH ALL
PEOPLES WHO BELIEVE, AS WE DO, IN A UNIVERSAL COMMUNITY
OF INTERESTS. THERFORE WE DISTRUST THE RIGID
DIVISION OF STATES INTO ECONOMIC CATEGORIES. WE
BELIEVE IN INTERDEPENDENCY AND ENDEAVOUR TO PUT IT
INTO PRACTICE, CONSCIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT THE LESSER
THE ECONOMIC DISPARITY BETWEEN STATES, THE GREATER
WILL BE THE POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION. THIS
IS WHAT BRAZIL ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE IN ITS CONDEMNATION
OF ALL BARRIERS OR OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT.
MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,
MANY OF THESE VALUES HAVE BEEN GATHERED FROM THE
RICH AND DIVERSIFIED SOURCE OF PRINCIPLES WHICH MAKE
UP WESTERN CIVILIZATION OF WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES
ARE A PART. BRAZIL ATTEMPTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
FLOURISHING AND UNIVERSALITY OF THESE VALUES. I AM
CONVINCED THAT IN THE FUTURE, AS IN THE PAST, BRAZIL
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EACH WITH ITS OWN
CHARACTERISTICS, WILL BE ABLE TO STRIDE, SIDE BY
SIDE, THE ROAD LEADING TO SUCH RESULTS.
WITH THIS WISH I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN A
TOAST TO BRAZILIAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP, TO THE HEALTH

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OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER
AND TO THE PERSONAL HAPPINESS OF SECRETARY OF STATE
AND MRS. CYRUS VANCE. UNQUOTE.
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